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Ex-Aides Wish Ike Happy 78th Birthday

Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, still recuperating from his seventh heart attack, will receive a Western Union night letter today from 200 of his Administration members, wishing him a happy 78th birthday.

"May this be one of the great days for you, with continued progress and renewal of strength," the message reads.

"Our deep pride in past association with you is matched by our present determination to bring about a ringing GOP victory on Nov. 5—a victory that will assure the changes our country needs so badly."

The greeters, who signed the message "with admiration and affection," include 13 Cabinet officers, 26 ambassadors and other officials.

Physicians at Walter Reed Army Medical Center plan to issue a bulletin today on the former President's condition. Daily bulletins on his condition after his most recent attack were suspended Sept. 3. Yesterday the hospital said he was "doing very well."

A small, quiet birthday party is scheduled in his suite with his wife, Mamie; his son, John; his daughter-in-law, Barbara, and perhaps his grandchildren present.

President Johnson has designated this week as "Salute to Eisenhower Week."

National Presbyterian Church, which the five-star general attended while he was in the White House, announced that its Chapel of the Presidents is 85 per cent complete. One of the six stained glass windows depicts Gen. Eisenhower signing a bill that added the words "under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance.

Two former Central Intelligence Agency directors are among the signers, Allen W. Dulles and John McCone. (While McCone served Presidents Kennedy and Johnson as head of the CIA, he was Gen. Eisenhower's chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission.)